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Shipyards and the Harbor at Pillau

1. The Russians have installed a new shipyard in Pillau (East Prussia) for the repair of small salvaged craft. This yard, which is situated on the Bollwerk near the well-known seamen's club, Ittisfalle, is responsible for the lifting of small motor-boats and tugs onto slipways and for making them seaworthy again.
2. A somewhat larger yard on the Russendamm, the former yard of the Wassenstrassenamt Pillau, is working at full capacity. This yard, which has been enlarged and extended, is working night and day on orders from the Soviet Navy and employs a staff of some 600 workers. 50X1-HUM
3. A number of sunken ships were still lying in the Hintershafen [redacted] of which the "Hohenzollern" and another large hospital ship were to have been salvaged. The only difficulty encountered was in the salvaging of the large suction-dredger "Seetieff", which three times ended in failure. 50X1-HUM
4. Pillau lighthouse, the pilot watchtower, and the pilot station are completely undamaged. The torpedo workshops along the Russendamm, which consists of a network of twenty buildings, likewise are undamaged.

Shipbuilding Activities at Kaliningrad (Koenigsberg)

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5. It is reported that the large floating dock with a capacity of 6,000 tons belonging to the Schichau Werft, Kaliningrad, was returned to Kaliningrad [redacted] apparently from Gdynia. The smaller floating dock has been completely dismantled, but the Schichau Werft is also equipped with a floating dock of 2,400 tons. (Comment: There appears to be some confusion over the floating docks at Kaliningrad. One report [redacted] the large floating dock had been removed before the [redacted]) 50X1-HUM
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Germans withdrew [] a second [] report [] docks were intact. A third [] report [] a floating dock was moved by the Soviets from Danzig to Kaliningrad []; so that, with the one returned from Gdynia [] there would appear to be a "surplus" in Kaliningrad.)

Comment: Still another [] report [] the Schichau Werft had one dry dock and one floating dock in commission.)

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6. [] parts for submarines have been received in Kaliningrad from Danzig. All these parts have been delivered to the Schichau Werft. [] Comment: []

[] submarine sections and engines were transported by the Soviets to Kaliningrad before the shipyards were handed over to the Poles.)

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7. Out of four ships completely ready for fitting-out and sunk before the Soviet occupation of Kaliningrad, three submarines have been salvaged and made seaworthy again. ([] Comment: [] the submarines in question were not new ones, as they were all constructed at Danzig, but two (sic) 500-ton boats awaiting repair and fitting of "Schnorkels". They were type VII C craft.)

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8. [] 14 submarines were lying in the Schichau yard at Kaliningrad, undergoing repair, of which two were large vessels whose type could not be established. There were, however, no German type submarines to be seen. These submarines came to Kaliningrad from Memel.

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9. The yard was also undertaking repairs to M-boats of the M.43 class.

10. No Germans are now employed at the Schichau-Werft and the number of Russian workers exceeds 3,000. []

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11. The Schichau firm was commissioned [] to undertake the repair work to the new railroad bridge over the Pregel River. It was intended not merely to make the bridge serviceable again, but also to re-open the Pregel for navigation.

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12. The entire area of the Schichau yard is surrounded by a 3½ meter palisade, surmounted with barbed wire. At regular intervals high watchtowers are situated, occupied by Soviet guards.

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13. Basin No. 3 in Kaliningrad harbor [] had a capacity for the loading or unloading of three large and six or seven small ships. The loading cranes are intact. The silo had been burnt out; but the large so-called "yellow" granary, completed in the first year of the war, was undamaged and in use.

14. The Kuczewski Werft is undertaking repairs to all kinds of river craft and the refitting of such craft which have been salvaged. [] this yard was employing a staff of 200.

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15. The Empacher and Karlisch Shipyard, which is situated on the banks of the Pregel adjoining the Alstädtischen Holzweisenstrasse, was engaged before the war on the construction and repair of sailing yachts and other small craft.

16. During the war the yard was considerably extended and included in the submarine construction program. New machinery was provided, as well as two strongly built buildings and a row of sheds, while the materials for construction were supplied from the Schichau Werft. The yard, which had two slipways, always had six to eight submarines in course of construction at one time.

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17. The yard is now working for the Soviets and the two proprietors, Empacher and Karlisch, still retained control of the yard [redacted]
At this time the yard employed some 160 German workers and was engaged on the repair and refitting of small motor ships and small tugs. The yard is about equal to the Kuczewski Werft in size and capacity.

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